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My Dear Mr Garrison

I have rec'd two numbers of The Romans Journal, and like it of course save in one respect; and very likely it will do you or me, nor any body, any good to state in what respect I do not like it.

But I feel it to be my duty to do so nevertheless. I understand from its friends, and from its own silence, that The Revolution is to be crushed to death or at least wholly ignored by The Journal. It is on account of this hostility, which I see no cause for, that I do not like the journal. I could see no good reason why the Cleveland Convention should be held. In fact I thought I saw a very unchristian and bitter spirit manifested by the prime movers or get-together of that Convention. The Revolution kindly noticed the Romans Journal last week, and I happen to know that Mrs Stanton



Miss Anthony Mr Pillsbury Mrs Paulina  
Davis and other friends of the Revolution  
have not the least unfriendly feelings  
toward Lucy Stone yourself or any  
other friend of The Journal, or insti-  
gator of the Cleveland Convention.

Why should the Boston folks feel so bitter  
toward Mrs Stanton? There was really no  
motive or object in getting up another  
National Woman's Suffrage organization  
except of rival leadership so far as I  
am advised; and two organizations, hostile  
~~to each other~~, & two leading journals hostile  
to each other, will certainly divide the ranks  
and weaken the strength of the women's  
rights friends in this country. This divi-  
sion doubles the pecuniary burden of the  
movement, and unfairly taxes its friends.

In fact if I could have my wishes  
I would have The Revolution The Ball  
Anti Slavery Standard and The Woman's



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Journal consolidated and their subscrip-  
tion lists united. This would relieve the  
woman's friends of two thirds of the tax for  
woman's papers. For every friend of the  
cause not embittered by the personal  
quarrels of certain leaders feels it his or  
her duty to subscribe for all such papers.

~~On the 1st~~ Again this would relieve six  
or eight persons from special editorial  
labors, and they could be employed in  
the lecture field; Again I would con-  
solidate and harmonise the two conven-  
tions, even if to do so it were necessary to  
send Lucy Stone to England and Miss  
Anthony to California, and this would save  
the expense of two annual meetings, two sets  
of records &c &c. You may answer "all  
this is very well if it were possible but it  
is not." I rejoin: You may be correct  
that it is impossible, but every body is



is asking and will continue to ask the reason  
why it is impossible, and they will find out  
and such knowledge will not increase the  
confidence of the mass of woman's friends in  
their leaders. I attended the May meeting  
of the Equal Suffrage Association in New York, and  
I there saw and heard just how matters stood and  
no doubt they stand even so today. In the best  
all with whom I am acquainted feel as I do. I en-  
close you a report of a meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Ill. W. S. A. which tells its own story.

You will remember me perhaps as a Garrisonian  
abolitionist and for twenty years a subscriber to your  
Liberator, and I saw and read the last number. I  
am now equally interested in the woman's cause and  
am speaking some this winter for woman.

Now is it really impossible to reconcile  
this (inexcusable so far as I can see) quarrel  
among the woman's rights leaders?

I am with very great regard  
Very Truly Your Friend

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